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# How to Pack your shoebox gift



**Join in the world's largest children's Christmas project.** Through Operation Christmas Child, show God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and partner with local churches worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Each child receives a shoebox as an unconditional gift of love, based on need, regardless of their background or religion.

Children may also be invited to take part in The Greatest Journey, 12 fun, interactive lessons based on the Bible, where they get to discover who Jesus is and how to begin their own journey of faith. Parents or Guardians are always asked to give consent for their children to participate.

## How to pack your shoebox

- 1 Get an empty medium sized shoebox and wrap the box and lid separately in decorative paper.
- 2 Decide if your gift is for a boy or a girl and the age category and attach the appropriate label (from this leaflet) on the outside of the lid.
- 3 Fill your shoebox with a variety of new gifts that a child will love. Why not add a personal note and photo, and you may also like to pray for the child who will receive your box?
- 4 Include a £3 shipping donation for each shoebox you fill. If you make this payment online, you can print out a barcode and place it inside your shoebox on top of the contents. This will enable us to tell you which country your shoebox gets sent to.
- 5 Secure your shoebox with an elastic band and take it to your nearest drop off point between 1-18 November. All sites will be listed on the website from late October at [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk).

## Gift Suggestions

**Please fill your box with a selection from the following or similar items. All items should be new.**

**TOYS** Include a toy that a child can love like a doll or a cuddly toy (with CE label), toy truck, skipping rope, yoyo, ball, small puzzle, musical instruments etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** Pens, colouring pencils, sharpener & eraser, crayons, felt pens, stamp & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks and paper, colouring & picture books, solar calculators etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS** Toothbrush, toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, flannel, comb & brush etc.

**OTHER ITEMS** Hat, cap, gloves, scarf, sunglasses (with UV rating), hair accessories, wind- up torch, jewellery set, wrapped sweets (with best before date of at least March the following year).

You could also include a **PERSONAL NOTE AND PHOTO** of you and your family/group.

**DO NOT INCLUDE** used or damaged items; clothing other than that listed above; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food items; lotions or liquids including bubbles; medicines; hand-made stuffed toys; playing cards of the 4 suit variety; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp or fragile items; books with mainly words.

Mark the correct age category:

2-4 Years Old

5-9 Years Old

10-14 Years Old



# BOY



Mark the correct age category:

2-4 Years Old

5-9 Years Old

10-14 Years Old



# GIRL



# STOP!

**CAN YOU DONATE ONLINE?** It will make your donation go further and we will be able to tell which country your shoebox gets shipped to. **Donate now at [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/followyourbox](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/followyourbox).**

IF YOU CAN'T, THEN PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR DETAILS BELOW, ENCLOSE YOUR CASH OR CHEQUE IN AN ENVELOPE AND PLACE IT INSIDE YOUR SHOEBOX ON TOP OF THE CONTENTS. SECURE YOUR SHOEBOX WITH AN ELASTIC BAND AND TAKE IT TO A DROP-OFF POINT.

PLEASE TICK THE BOX IF YOU CAN GIFT AID THIS DONATION AND COMPLETE YOUR DETAILS BELOW

I would like Samaritan's Purse to treat the enclosed donation as a Gift Aid donation. I am a UK taxpayer and I understand that if I pay less income Tax and/or capital gains tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in this tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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Gift Aid is reclaimed by Samaritan's Purse from the tax you pay. For every £1 you donate, 25p can be reclaimed as Gift Aid.

TOTAL SHOEBOXES ▶

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED ▶ £

CASH ▶

CHEQUE ▶

Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS using a black ballpoint pen for scanning purposes

TITLE:

YOUR NAME (First, Last)

ADDRESS

POSTAL TOWN

POST CODE

EMAIL



**Yes** I am happy for you to keep in touch about our work (please tick here and provide your email address above)